(v) Other positive trends, like increased birth weights of babies, greater prevention of disability by immunisation, control of Vitamin A deficiency and anaemia, have also been noticed.

मंडल आयोग की रिपोर्ट के क्रियान्वयन की समीक्षा

3633. श्रीमती सूर्यकान्ता पाटिल : क्या कल्याण मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मंडल आयोग की सिफारिशों को लागू करने संबंधी घोषणा के बाद हुए देशव्यापी हिंसात्मक प्रदर्शनों को देखते हुए सरकार अपने निर्णय पर पुनर्विचार करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार द्वारा जल्दबाजी में उठाये गए कदम के परिणामस्वरूप बड़े पैमाने पर हिंसा तथा आपसी टकराव हुआ है ,

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि इस घोषणा के बाद शेष जातियों ने भी आरक्षण की मांग की है और क्या सरकार इस प्रकार के प्रस्ताव पर विचार करने के लिए तैयार है, और

(घ) यदि उपरोक्त भाग (ग) का उत्तर हां हो तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

श्रम एवं कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान) : (क) से (घ) : संवैधानिक उपबंधों के अनुसार भारत सरकार तथा केन्द्रीय सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों की सेवाओं में 27% का आरक्षण देकर, सरकार ने सामाजिक न्याय का अतिमहत्वपूर्ण तथा ऐतिहासिक निर्णय लिया है। भारत सरकार के निर्णय के समर्थन तथा विरोध में देश के कतिपय भागों में कुछ आन्दोलन/प्रदर्शन हुए हैं । तथापि देशभर में इस निर्णय का स्वागत हुआ है। जिन पिछड़ी जातियों के संबंध में पहले ही निर्णय लिया जा चुका है उन में न अपने वाली अन्य जातियों के लिए आरक्षण की व्यवस्था का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

Provision of Computerised Railway Reservation facility at Rourkela

3634. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to provide computerised railway reservation facility in the Steel City of Rourkela and in any other big railway station under the Khurda Division in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : There are no plans for providing computerised reservation facility at Rourkela. This facility, however, is being provided at Bhubaneswar and Cuttack on Khurda Road division.

Difficulties' in getting ration from FFS

3635. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many people in the country in general and particularly in Delhi are facing difficulties in getting their rations from the fair price shops due to non-availability of the stocks with them; and

(b) if so, what action Government purpose to take to ensure free flow of stocks to Fair Price Shops so that the inconvenience caused to the consumers, especially, the poor are mitigated to a large extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) In an operation of the magnitude of PDS, with about 3.6 lakhs FPSs throughout the country localised failure of supplies here and there due to transport difficulties etc. in spite of best efforts is not ruled out. However, in general, the PDS plays a useful role in providing supplies at reasonable prices of basic essential commodities to the consumers in the country, including Delhi.

(b) Constant efforts are made to strengthen and streamline it, by improving the delivery system, vigorous monitoring and inspections to avoid diversions, improving viability of fair price shops, covering the uncovered areas in which the

vulnerable sections of the population usually live, etc.

Fire in Toofan Express

3636. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Toofan Express was set on fire near Karauta (Bihar) on the 10th August, 1990 by anti-reservationists who were protesting against the granting of additional 27 per cent reservation of jobs for backward castes by Government;

(b) if so, what is the loss sustained by the Railways as a result thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir. One second class coach of Udayan Abha Express (old Toofan Express) was set on fire.,

(b) As a result of this fire, the Rail way suffered a loss of approximately Rupees 2 Lakhs.

(c) The State Government was request ed to make arrangements for the protec tion of passengers, Railway property and smooth movement of Rail Traffic. The Stale Government have strengthened the security arrangements by deploying more GRP/Civil Police and RPF under the charge of Magistrates and Police Officers Mail/Express trains passing through affec ted areas are being escorted by Police/ RPF during the day time also.

Connecting of Kolhapur to Pune Section to the Central Railway Zone

3637. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL :

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :

DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the persistent demand from Western Maharashtra to connect the section between Kolhapur and Pune to the Central Railway Zone from the South Central Railway Zone; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The jurisdiction of Railway Zones and Divisions is decided with reference to administrative and operational requirements consistent with the needs of efficiency. On these considerations, it is not desirable to disturb the existing arrange* ment.

3638. *[Transferred to the 5th Septem ber,* 1990].

Engagement of employees on contract, part time and casual basis by the UNI

3639. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UNI news agency, the recipient of Government grants and loans, has been engaging employees on contract, part-time and casual basis for several years in full-time and permanent cadre posts of typists, librarians and clerks;

(b) if so, the number of such employees, category-wise, working in the UNI, on contract, part-time and casual basis for more than one year as on March 31, 1990; and

(c) the steps taken or contemplated by Government *to* end this unfair labour practice and for regularisation of services of such mployees in the UNI with prescribed wages under the Bachawat Wage Board Award?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

E.M.U. Trains on Ahmedabad.Baroda-Surat Sector

3640. SHRI RAIUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that suburban traffic on Ahmedabad-Baroda-Surat sector has increased during the past several years;